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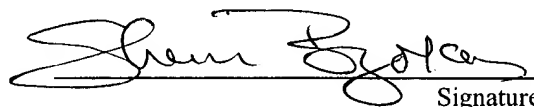
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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2002 (Paper No. 12), reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Terminal Disclaimer and a petition for a three-month extension of time are enclosed.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning at line 3 on page 1 (after the Title) as follows. A marked-up version of the rewritten paragraph is appended hereto illustrating the changes.

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This application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International application no. PCT/US98/12295 filed 12 June 1998, which was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English. This International Application claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/873,952 entitled "Method for Producing a Graded Index Plastic